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Christians clash in church
A policeman separates Syrian Orthodox Christians from Armenian Christians during fistfights in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher yesterday. Syrian Church officials said its adherents thought the Armenians were trying to bar their entry. (AP)

Terrorists kill 2 in Wadi Kelt

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The Israel Police suspects the murders of two women hikers, whose bodies were found with multiple stab wounds in Wadi Kelt on Friday, were carried out by Palestinian terrorists.

Palestinian Authority in Jericho to aid in the search for the terrorists, and Army Radio said Palestinian policemen were fanning out in Jericho, where PA Chairman

Yasser Arafat was spending the weekend, and its neighboring refugee camps and villages.

"We are speaking of an area where there were murders in the past, which we believe were carried out for nationalist motives," said Judea and Samaria police chief Cmdr. Yossi Sidbon.

Sidbon said the murders were nationally motivated, an assertion that was strengthened after autopsies determined the two had not been raped. He added it appears the murders had been premeditated.

Ami Giat, an off-duty IDF officer, said he found the bodies and telephoned police. "We saw signs of dragging. There were signs that they were stabbed, certainly their necks were slashed," Giat said.

According to Judea and Samaria police spokesman Opher Sivan, "The two partially clothed bodies were found lying 80 meters apart." Sivan refused to comment on reports the women's throats had been slashed, but said there were multiple stab wounds and signs of a struggle. He added that their belongings were scattered around the site and it appeared certain items were missing, but he refused to elaborate.

Sivan said Zavitzky and Kastiel

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Tour restrictions

The IDF reiterated last night that tours in the Jordan Valley and Judea and Samaria need to receive prior approval from security authorities. Individual touring is prohibited and groups should consist of at least 15 people.

All tours are restricted to organized tour sites and are approved either through field schools or the Central Command's tour coordinating office. That office can be reached at 02-530-5252.

The IDF said that certain security and safety restrictions will be enforced. All groups must have at least one armed person, carry a first-aid kit and water and be equipped with communication capabilities.

Arieh O'Sullivan

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The two, Hagit Zavitzky of Kfar Adumim and Liat Kastiel of Holon, were both 23 years old.

Shimon Ben-Shimol of Kfar Adumim, who saw the two bodies, told Israel Television that one of the women's throats had been slashed. "There was a trail of blood leading down into the wadi," he said, adding that it appeared the bodies had been dragged down the hill and thrown into the water.

Over the weekend, police and IDF troops searched the Judean Desert hills around Wadi Kelt, about half-way between Jerusalem and the Palestinian-controlled city of Jericho, for clues to the murders.

The Israel Police asked the

Israel condemns UN vote on Har Homa

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

NEW YORK — The UN General Assembly, meeting in an emergency special session on Friday, condemned Israel for the Har Homa building project and demanded an immediate halt to the construction of the "new settlement in Jebel Abu Ghneim."

Israel immediately attacked the resolution and the UN session that produced it.

"Israel categorically rejects the one-sided resolution adopted by this session, which stands in contradiction to the peace process and its principles," David Peleg, the Israeli charge d'affaires, said Friday.

He also assailed, for the second time, the PLO observer for "incitement to violence."

Foreign Minister David Levy responded to the vote by saying he hoped the resolution would someday be rescinded, as was the resolution equating Zionism with racism.

"Many in the world don't see Israel as sovereign in Jerusalem," Levy told Army Radio yesterday. "Even if this anti-Israel resolution hadn't passed now, it would have passed in another year or two. This is a battle we will have to keep fighting."

Although the votes of the assembly are not binding, they indicate the depth of international anger and unease with the Har Homa project. The tally was 134-3, with 11 abstentions. The US and Micronesia joined Israel in opposing the resolution, which also called for the "cessation of all forms of assistance and support for illegal Israeli activities" in the "occupied Palestinian territory."

Germany, breaking with the European Union, abstained. The other abstentions were Australia, Canada, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Marshall Islands, Norway, Romania, Rwanda and Uruguay.

Friday's vote, the second on Har Homa in the assembly since

March 13, came from an emergency session that was requested by Qatar on March 31. It was the first such session since 1982 and only the 10th since the Korean War.

Peleg said it was unwarranted. "There was no procedural or substantive justification for the convening of the 'special emergency session'...concerning the construction of a residential neighborhood in Jerusalem," he said.

The US does not support the Har Homa project, but had objected to the session on grounds that Israeli-Palestinian disputes should be resolved through direct negotiations. Further, said US Ambassador Bill Richardson, the debate "can only harden the positions of both sides and make their work even more difficult."

Many delegations want Israel to suspend building on Har Homa, "but they see it is not going to happen," Peleg said in an interview.

The emergency session also was a slap at the Security Council, where the US, on March 7 and March 21, vetoed comparable resolutions on Har Homa. Richardson said the resolution set "a dangerous precedent" by infringing on the council's authority.

The question of Har Homa is expected to rise again, as the assembly asked Secretary-General Kofi Annan to monitor the situation and report to the assembly within two months.

The UN debates began over the building of 6,500 housing units.

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NEWS

in brief

FBI: B'nai B'rith package was terrorism

FBI terrorism experts in Washington are investigating a mysterious red substance that led authorities to quarantine 108 people inside the international headquarters of B'nai B'rith for more than eight hours on Thursday. FBI officials said the gelatinous material was sent in a petri dish mailed to the building. The foul-smelling package was discovered in the mail room.

The container was labeled "anthrax," an apparent misspelling of the deadly bacterial disease, anthrax, and "yersinia," the bacterium that causes Bubonic plague. Initial analysis concluded the suspicious substance was not toxic. AP

Ultralight pilot killed in Dead Sea crash

Ari Ein-Gad, 41, of Givat Avni in the Lower Galilee, was killed yesterday when he hit an electricity line while piloting an ultralight aircraft and then crashed into the Dead Sea. His son, 14, who was also in the plane, suffered light injuries.

Ein-Gad was participating in a "flying day" sponsored by Israel's ultralight club, from the North to the Arava. At around noon, when he was about 1 km north of Ein Bokek, Ein-Gad hit a power line, lost control of his plane and crashed into the sea. Vacationers pulled Ben-Gad out of the water, but medical personnel who arrived on the scene were unable to revive him. Itim

Woman killed in road accident

Sisi Badusa, 20, of Reut, was killed before dawn yesterday near Modi'in when she lost control of her car and crashed into a tree. Police are trying to determine why she veered off the road.

Ten people were injured - three of them seriously, including an 18-month-old baby - in a head-on collision between two cars on the Jerusalem-Ma'aleh Adumim road last night. Rescue forces brought the injured to Jerusalem hospitals.

Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled was injured yesterday when he fell off his bicycle while riding at his kibbutz, Beit Hashita. He was admitted to Ha'emek Hospital in Afula with broken ribs and a torn ligament in his shoulder.

From Sunday through Thursday last week, 21 people were killed on the roads in 647 traffic accidents. Itim

Faulty grenade injures 2 soldiers

By JON IMMANUEL and ARISH O'SULLIVAN

Two IDF soldiers were lightly injured when a concussion grenade went off during an operation early Friday in the West Bank village of Tzurif. Military sources said the grenade was not thrown at them, and apparently went off due to a malfunction.

The IDF is investigating the incident. Later Friday, two petrol bombs were hurled at border policemen in the village, which was the base of the Hamas cell recently found responsible for the deaths of 12 Israelis.

The border policemen opened fire into the air to halt the attack on them. No one was injured from the firebombs, the army said. Tzurif, east of Bethlehem, remains a closed military zone and its 15,000 residents are barred from leaving.

Tzurif residents claim that soldiers have

broken windows in at least 60 houses and shot bullets into at least 100 solar heaters.

The villagers say they are being punished for crimes they have not committed and are under the longest curfew since the Oslo accords were signed in September 1993.

They also say three people have died after being delayed at checkpoints for more than an hour on their way to hospital and other people have been beaten for being outdoors late when the curfew was reimposed after brief relaxations.

In one case, Bilal Arar, 22, accused of stone-throwing, testified to human rights activist Bassem Eid that he was hit on the back with a helmet by one border policeman while another held his head between his legs. An investigation is pending into the soldiers' actions, but the two have not been suspended, the Border Police spokesman said.

In another case, a 70-year-old man with a serious heart condition and gangrene being rushed to hospital was not allowed through a checkpoint for almost two hours. Ali Abu Reish, a Tzurif resident, physician and a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, was present at the checkpoint.

Abu Reish said yesterday that soldiers fired rubber bullets into the engine of his car, presumably to deter him from trying to leave the village.

Lawyer Haim Kadi said soldiers "fired 15 rubber bullets at my house." He claimed that hundreds of solar water heaters were shot, causing water to leak out and leading to water shortages. "Only one UNRWA vehicle bringing in food has entered," he said.

In the past five days, as the curfew - but not the closure - has been relaxed, children have returned to school and several high school and

university teachers who are unable to leave the village have taken up teaching responsibilities in place of teachers who live outside Tzurif and cannot enter.

"The Hamas people are in jail now, but what about the rest of the village. We all live in a big jail now," said Kadi, a human rights lawyer.

Eid, director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, noted that of the four Hamas members whose houses have been destroyed, three of them were arrested by the Palestinian Preventive Security. "This means that Israel carried out the punishment even though the PA carried out the arrests and interrogations. This is illegal."

Israel arrested 45 people in Tzurif, of whom 12 have been sent to Megiddo Prison for administrative detention and the remainder are being held in other jails, Eid said.

TERRORISTS

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were last seen leaving Kfar Adumim at noon on Thursday. He said the two were not carrying any backpacks and had told no one of their plans to go on a hike.

"The parents thought they had gone to attend a show," he said. According to police officer Eli Aharoni, the two women were killed close to where their bodies were discovered. Their bodies had apparently been thrown into the water at the bottom of the wadi to obscure the tracks of their murderers.

Police had originally said the two victims were teen-age immigrants from the former Soviet Union and it was only Friday night that their bodies were identified.

Col. Yigal, commander of the IDF forces in the region, said the Palestinians were cooperating. "There is a certain level of cooperation in the affair between the Israeli security service and the Palestinian Police," Yigal said, but refused to elaborate on the Palestinian activity.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu expressed shock at the murders, but called on the country's citizens not to interrupt their holiday plans, while strictly following safety rules on excursions.

Immediately after hearing news of the bodies' discovery, Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service, contacted Arafat in Jericho and reported on the murder. He told Arafat the Palestinian Police had opened an investigation, but that it was mainly focused on intelligence gathering, Itim reported.

A senior Palestinian security official told Itim that so far they had not arrested anyone. He said that much of the effort was in trying to see if any new faces had appeared in town over the past few days, perhaps the murderers seeking sanctuary. In an attempt to deflect accusations, the official suggested that local Beduin may have been involved in the murders.

Five Beduin living in the area were questioned by security forces, hoping they may have seen the terrorists or could give other details that may assist the investigation.

Zavitzky's older brother, On, said his sister had returned last month from an extended tour abroad. "This was a continuation of her tour," he said, adding he had taken her to Massada on Wednesday and they were to have gone to a rock concert on the Dead Sea.

"We are aware of the dangers," he told Army Radio. "We live in a very hostile area and they [the Palestinians] don't love us. We know the wadi and its proximity to Jericho. We know that righteous people don't live there."

Meanwhile, the IDF Central Command reiterated last night that anyone wishing to hike in the area should travel in groups of no less than 15. It stated that anyone planning to hike in the Jordan Valley or in Judea and Samaria must coordinate with the IDF beforehand and stick to marked trails.

This is the third terrorist attack in Wadi Kelt since 1993. Eran Behar, 23, and Dror Furer, 25, both of Jerusalem, were shot and stabbed to death there in October 1993. In July 1995, Ohad Bachrach, 18, of Beit El, and Ori Shabor, 20, of Ra'anana, were shot and their throats slit when hiking in the wadi.

'PA has asked Albright to visit'

A top official in the Palestinian Authority said yesterday the Palestinians have asked Washington to send Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the region to jump-start the peace process.

"If the Americans are really willing to achieve a resolution to get out of the crisis, then they have to show their commitment," said Tayeb Abdel Rahim, secretary of the Palestinian Cabinet. "We have called upon the US to bring negotiations to a level above [US Middle East envoy] Dennis Ross and send Mrs. Albright," he said. (AP)



Rehov Bar-Ilan strife continues

A policeman pushes back haredi demonstrators who tried to block Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday by marching in the street and throwing garbage and stones. Despite the protests, police succeeded in keeping the road open. The stone-throwing caused no damage and no one was hurt. One man was arrested. (Reuters)

'Wadi Kelt is like our backyard'

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

"For us, Wadi Kelt is the same as going out into your backyard," On Zavitzky, Hagit Zavitzky's 31-year-old brother, said last night.

"What can I tell you about Hagit? She loved nature, she loved to hike, she was such a creative and friendly person, who always sought the positive side in everything," he said.

Hagit, the daughter of Tamar and Yosef, grew up in Bnei Yehuda in the Golan Heights. In 1990 the family decided to move to Kfar Adumim, a mixed secular and religious settlement not far from Jericho. She served in the Minorities Unit in the army.

"She loved the unit and got on well with the Druze and Beduin soldiers and even learned Arabic," said On, adding that soldiers from the unit stayed in contact and invited her to weddings and celebrations.

"She loved to play the piano and wrote and composed many songs," said On.

Hagit met Liat Kastiel at the Arava border crossing, where she worked after completing her military service, he said.

Last month she returned from a 13-month trip overseas, during which she visited South America and traveled the US from coast to coast. Her twin sister Ayelet was also on an overseas trip and is now returning from Cuba to attend her sister's funeral.

"She was bursting with energy and had even visited Beersheba to find out details about studying philosophy and Jewish studies at the university, On said.

Shortly after she returned from her overseas trip, Hagit resumed contact with her friend Liat.

"We thought they were going to a concert at the Dead Sea," he said. "Everyone in Kfar Adumim goes for walks in Wadi Kelt."

"Liat was the youngest twin sister," Dolly, her older sister, told Channel 1, with tears running down her face. "I always thought she was too good for this world."

she was always willing to help people, she was friendly, naive, but believed in everyone," she said.

Liat had registered at the Hebrew University, where she planned to study anthropology and theater.

"She returned safe and sound from her trip, she came home and look what happens. This country eats up its inhabitants," said Dolly.

On, who lives in the settlement of Alon, near Kfar Adumim said Hagit had so many plans since she returned from her overseas trip.

"We haven't even seen all the films she took on her trip yet," he said.

Hagit Zavitzky is to be buried on Tuesday. Funeral details for Liat Kastiel were not announced last night.

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Yemenis go to polls
Armed Yemeni men sit next to veiled women during a campaign rally yesterday in the capital Sanaa for Balqeis, one of 17 women candidates running for parliament. Candidates toured Yemeni villages to make their final pitches before a parliamentary election today that officials hope will bring stability and ease economic hardships caused by the 1994 civil war. A total of 2,306 candidates are seeking 301 parliamentary seats under the banner of 12 parties or as independents. Western diplomats expect President Ali Abdullah Saleh's ruling General People's Congress to win the majority of seats, followed by its coalition partner - the Islamist Islah Party.

Hotel fire kills 23 in Philippines

By EVELYN MACABALANG

COTABATO, Philippines (Reuters) - Twenty-three people died and 20 others were injured when a fire raged through a six-story hotel in the southern Philippines early yesterday, forcing guests to jump for their lives out of windows.

Some broke their legs as they leapt to escape the deadliest fire in the country since 152 revelers, mostly teenagers, were killed in a disco fire in March last year in the capital city, Manila.

Foreign diplomats had been booked to stay at the popular Imperial Hotel in Cotabato for a Moslem celebration from today.

Police initially reported eight people were killed but police inspector Jaime Guadilla said firemen recovered 15 more bodies in the upper floors after battling their way through heavy smoke.

"We saw other bodies in the burned rooms," Guadilla said.

The fire, which gutted three floors of the building, broke out in a prayer room used by both Moslems and Christians. Only a few dozen guests were in when the blaze started at 12:30 a.m.

It was unclear what caused the inferno, fire investigators said.

Local officials said the hotel had been getting ready for the arrival today of foreign diplomats and Philippine dignitaries attending a state-of-the-region address by former Moslem rebel chief Nur Misuari, who now runs a four-province Moslem autonomous region on the southern island of Mindanao.

Misuari, who signed a peace agreement with Manila last year ending a 24-year Moslem revolt for autonomy, has his headquarters in Cotabato, a predominantly Moslem city 900 kilometers south of Manila.

Witnesses said guests leapt through their windows, some wearing only their underwear, in

order to escape the blaze.

"I jumped like Superman. Now, you see my legs are broken," local Moslem official Nur Baiman said, while undergoing treatment at a local hospital.

A Saudi Arabian preacher who gave his name as Daruis, who suffered bruises, said he escaped by wrapping himself up with a water-soaked blanket and running down a burning hallway on the third floor of the hotel in the city center.

"I was fortunate because I was awake...I was praying," Daruis said. "I smelt smoke and when I opened the door the hallway was full of smoke...I called downstairs and people said there was a fire."

He then grabbed his blanket and drenched it in water.

"I was asleep in my room when I woke up feeling as if I was choking. It was the smoke," said Jimmy Malcampo, who survived with leg injuries after leaping through a third floor window.

"I rushed out of my room and saw the hall on fire. My choice was to die or jump out of the window. I jumped," he said.

Roger Araila said he was wearing only his briefs when he jumped through the window of his third floor room, also breaking his legs.

Some of the hotel's guests survived by climbing down firemen's ladders.

Chief arson investigator Abdulazak Mosa said some of the people who died suffocated after being trapped in their rooms or in hallways while trying to flee from the fire, which raged for two-and-a-half hours.

"We have not determined whether the fire was accidental or intentional. We are still investigating," he said.

A hotel official said: "It could have been worse if the fire happened later because we were expecting foreign dignitaries."

China executes Moslem rioters US finds missing plane Kennedy scion probed over babysitter lover

BEIJING (Reuters) - China executed three people and jailed 27 others for their roles in bloody riots that shook the Moslem region of Xinjiang in February, local officials said yesterday.

The Yili District Intermediate Court had sentenced the men in a public rally Thursday for participating in riots in the far-north-western town of Yining that killed nine people and injured 198. They were executed the same day.

All of the convicted men were members of the ethnic Uighur minority.

Xinjiang, a vast region that is home to many Turkic-speaking peoples such as the Uighurs, has a long history of ethnic unrest and has recently been rocked by

Moslem separatist violence.

The men had been sentenced for the crimes of malicious wounding, arson and hooliganism in the anti-Chinese riots that erupted in Yining on February 5-6.

One man was sentenced to life in prison and 26 were given jail terms ranging from seven to 18 years.

Communist Party officials said that a "handful of serious criminal offenders" had "burned vehicles and houses and killed public security policemen and innocent people."

"What they did...seriously disturbed and disrupted our political stability and unity," an official said.

Officials said last month they had ended hearings for six men on

trial for their part in February's anti-Chinese rioting, which began as a demonstration for Xinjiang independence and turned violent.

Uighur militants say they want to set up their own state of East Turkestan in Xinjiang.

Chinese authorities earlier this month rounded up more than 10 people for allegedly organizing a string of deadly bomb attacks in Xinjiang's capital of Urumqi.

Bombs planted on three buses blew up within minutes of each other in Urumqi on February 25 in an apparently coordinated attack that coincided with the funeral rites in Beijing for paramount leader Deng Xiaoping.

The attacks killed nine and wounded 74.

EAGLE, Colorado (AP) - Searchers found body parts among the wreckage of a missing A-10 warplane, indicating the pilot was in the cockpit when it crashed into a mountain, the Air Force said.

"What we found was fragmentary human remains," Maj. Gen. Nels Running said Friday. "We are not positive whose human remains they are."

A military lab will conduct DNA and other tests to determine if the remains are those of Capt. Craig Butten, Running said.

The announcement ended a three-week search for Butten's plane after he veered away during a training run on April 2.

The Air Force took advantage of improved weather at the site Friday and lowered three special operations sergeants by cable from a helicopter to recover the remains.

Winds and rugged terrain in the snowy Rocky Mountains have made the search for remains and wreckage difficult.

Four 227 kg. bombs on the aircraft have not been seen, Running said.

BOSTON (Reuters) - A Massachusetts district attorney said Friday authorities were examining a newspaper report that Michael Kennedy, son of the late senator Robert Kennedy, had had an affair with his children's babysitter.

The *Boston Globe*, quoting unnamed sources, reported that Kennedy began a relationship with the babysitter - now 19 - when she was 14, and promised her that he would leave his wife.

"As a result of information that is contained in the paper, and it is all through unnamed sources at this time, my office and the sexual assault unit of my office is now working with the Cohasset police department...to conduct a preliminary review of the information that is contained in *The Boston Globe*," Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke said.

"A preliminary review is not necessarily a full criminal investigation and whether it becomes one depends what is determined during that inquiry," he said.

Kennedy, 39, is head of Citizens Energy Corp., the non-profit group founded by his brother, Representative Joseph Kennedy, a



Michael Kennedy (AP)

the coastal town of Cohasset south of Boston, ran his uncle Sen. Edward Kennedy's re-election campaign in 1994 and has often been rumored to consider running for Congress or for a statewide office.

His office did not return phone calls seeking comment.

The *Globe* reported that Victoria Kennedy, found her husband and the girl, now a 19-year-old college freshman, in bed in 1995. He explained the incident was caused by a drinking problem, and Kennedy later publicly admitted he had an alcohol dependency and entered a residential rehabilitation program, the newspaper said.

But Kennedy and the girl were seen meeting in several places around Cohasset last summer, and it was the continuation of the relationship that led to the couple's split, *The Globe* said.

After friends told the Verrochis of the suspected relationship, the girl told them about the affair and stopped seeing Kennedy last fall.

The Verrochis were close friends of the Kennedys. Paul Verrochi is the chairman of American Medical Response.

Belgian serial killer leaves gory trail

MONS, Belgium (AP) - First, a mutilated torso of a transsexual prostitute on the banks of the river Haine. A month later, nine trash bags of body parts near the river Fear. Two days later, a torso found on Amdetey Lane.

In a macabre game of hide-and-seek, an apparent serial killer has been dumping his victims - or parts of them - at locations with appropriately grim names.

On April 12, police found a severed head on Depot Street.

Last weekend, police found three bags of body parts on Saint Symphorien Street, named for a beheaded martyr whose bones are enshrined in a Mons church.

"The locations all have a special

name so it is important to know whether there is some message, some sign," said Mons prosecutor Didier Van Reusel. "It leaves us with a puzzle." Only the victim killed April 12 has been identified: a 21-year-old woman who was homeless and alcoholic. Early this week, police arrested someone who knew her as their first suspect.

But as the weekend approached, they were worried.

The serial murders in Mons, 100 kilometers south of Brussels, have only increased the climate of anxiety from the recent discovery of a string of child sex killings. Five victims of pedophiles have been found over the past year; more

than a half-dozen children are missing.

Aside from where the killer leaves his victims, police had two other clues. The bags are always knotted the same way and the bodies are dismembered with great precision. Police believe the killer must have been trained as a doctor or a butcher.

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By JONATHAN LYONS

Those demands, outlined two months ago but so far largely ignored by Erbakan, were expected to be the focus of last night's session of the National Security



"We will give the reports. It is up to the council members to make the assessment themselves."

But many in the junior partner True Path Party, including U.S.-educated leader Tansu Ciller, back increased mandatory schooling. Erdogan and Ciller held more than two hours of talks Friday but were unable to break the impasse.

The office of general staff denied an offensive was afoot although it confirmed troop movements which it said were aimed at "countering Kurdish rebel infiltrations," the Anadolu news agency reported.

There have been 10 aftershocks of 5.0-magnitude or greater since the Northridge earthquake.

Supporters described him as a truthful and reluctant German soldier who never served at a concentration camp, much less harmed Jews.

The paragraph was an extract from an Israeli government review of antisemitic trends around the world which Gile-Adhanhanzo, a lawyer, cited at length in his report. It read: "The use of Christian and secular European antisemitism motifs in Moslem publications is on the rise, yet at the same time Moslem extremists are turning increasingly to their own religious sources, first and foremost the Koran as a primary anti-Jewish source."

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Meeting the health needs of Russian immigrants

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union — numbering over 700,000 since the end of 1989 — now constitute such a large chunk of the population that any trend in this sector affects the entire country. Researchers at the IDC-Brookdale Institute of Gerontology and Human Development have produced an interesting research report focusing on immigrants from the CIS in the health system.

Nurit Nirel, Bruce Rosen, Revital Gross, Ayelet Berg and Dan Yuval examined a number of studies on the use of health services, hospital patients and attitudes of the working-age immigrant population and reached a number of conclusions about how newcomers from the CIS relate to the health system, which is very different from the one they knew in their previous homeland. The fact that medical services in the former Soviet Union have been in great distress for years, lacking even basic life-saving and -protecting equipment, caused many new immigrants (*olim*) to arrive with untreated chronic conditions, and health damaged due to years of inadequate preventive medicine, unhealthy diets and inadequate exercise.

CIS immigrants over the age of 44 assessed their health as being less satisfactory than veteran Israelis described their own condition. Nearly half of the *olim* said they had a chronic disease, handicap or limitation compared to 30% of veteran Israelis. The authors raise the possibility that part of this pessimistic self-assessment of their health derives from emotional strains connected to difficulties in adjusting to a new country.

A Central Bureau of Statistics study shows that heart disease and hypertension are much more common among immigrants than in the veteran Israeli population, who have a higher rate of asthma than the *olim*. The rates of emotional distress, kidney disease and diabetes are somewhat higher among the immigrants, but long-term Israelis are more likely to suffer from ulcers. Most of the *olim* who said they had mental strains they couldn't cope with alone did not, however, seek help.

Contrary to what is widely believed, the immigrants tend to use local health services less than veteran Israelis. They visit family doctors and nurses less, and are less likely to seek specialty medical and hospital services than veteran Israelis. Two out of five reported that they needed a dentist for an acute problem during the previous half year but didn't go to one, mainly because of the high costs of dental care, which aren't covered by the national health insurance system. They also call for an ambulance less frequently, even when they need one, apparently out of fear that their health fund won't cover the expenses.

However, the longer they live here, the more the pattern of medical care use resembles those of long-term Israelis. Very few of the women immigrants have undergone a Pap smear to detect cervical cancer or had a breast exam or mammogram to detect breast cancer. The authors note that doctors should stress the importance of preventive medicine among their immigrant patients and offer such care even if they don't request it.

Younger immigrants change their place of residence much more frequently than older *olim*, mainly because they tend to find new jobs, so those under 44 were less likely to have a permanent family doctor in their new location. With fewer having their own car, most had to reach a doctor by bus or other means of public transportation. Once they got to the clinic, most didn't complain about undue waiting or inconvenient reception hours.

The immigrants' satisfaction with their health fund, however, was significantly lower than that of veteran Israelis: only 63% said they were pleased or very pleased, compared to 85% of long-term residents.

The Meuhedet health fund received the highest marks, with 94% satisfied among both sectors, followed by Maccabi and Leumit (91% to 94% among veterans and 81% to 88% among *olim*). The immigrants said they were much less satisfied with Kupat Holim Clalit (only 46% happy with the health fund compared to 82% of the veteran Israelis).

The immigrants' choice of an insurer was influenced mainly by



Many immigrants arrived with untreated chronic conditions due to poor medical services in the former Soviet Union. (Zeev Adelman)

word-of-mouth advice from other *olim*, and they were more likely to join Maccabi and Leumit than Clalit.

The newcomers also generally had less knowledge about the health system than the veterans, and didn't know how to "navigate" their way through it. But they were well aware that under the new health insurance system they they could choose their health fund without being restricted.

Having a Russian-speaking physician was important to half the immigrants; the reason was not only the ease of communication, but they believed doctors who came from the old country would be much more likely to do house calls when their patients were ill. Half the immigrant women preferred having a female gynecologist, which is common in the CIS.

Even when a doctor spoke the same language, immigrants tended to feel they received inadequate explanations from their physician

about treatment and medications. Doctors in the CIS, despite generally primitive conditions, were regarded as having given "more personal treatment" than Israeli doctors. Although they praised the "hotel" aspects of hospitalization, many newcomers felt they had been discharged prematurely.

The private medical market is still small among new immigrants from the CIS, largely because they can't afford it and don't have to become paying patients to find a doctor who speaks their language; there are plenty of Russian-speaking physicians in the public health system.

The Brookdale researchers say their findings about the "unique problems of CIS immigrants as consumers of health care can contribute to decision-making about planning health services in the future, as well as to make health services for immigrants more responsive to their unique needs and characteristics."

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Having a life crisis is nothing to be ashamed of: it can result from the loss of a loved one, a sudden bout with illness, victimization by a crime, suffering a road accident, a divorce, a dismissal or having witnessed a traumatic event. Crises hit almost everyone at some time in life, and many people have to face a personal upheaval every few years.

"Crisis counselors deal with normal people going through acute trouble," explains Prof. Joshua Ritchie, a senior pediatrician, family physician and infectious-disease expert who has divided his time over the past 30 years between Israel and the US and has now established the non-profit Institute for Crisis Counseling in Jerusalem.

An empathic, religious Jew, Ritchie, who has recently returned to live here for the third time in his varied career, has noted that there is a gap in the social-services infrastructure: English-speakers and hard-core men have no place to turn for round-the-clock emotional support in a crisis. In addition, he found no institution training professionals who wanted to voluntarily upgrade their skills as crisis counselors in a variety of fields and jobs.

Ritchie, who was born in Philadelphia and spent his early childhood in New York before moving with his family to Phoenix, Arizona, studied at the University of California at Berkeley, received his medical degree from the University of California at San Francisco and studied specialties at New York's Albert Einstein Medical School.

He has had a peripatetic existence, moving from one satisfying and exciting job to another. These include acting as director of the student health service at Berkeley, as chief pediatric resident at the University of California, teaching at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, serving as the first medical director of Netanya's Laniado Hospital, helping to found Moshav Modi'in (as a disciple of the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach) and working in pediatrics at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot — plus helping his wife to raise five children (three of whom live here).

Returning to Jerusalem in 1995 and enjoying an early-retirement pension, Ritchie decided to develop an aspect of his practice which has been his forte for a long time: caring about people.

"As a physician, I've always felt deeply about my patients. I was taught in medical school to look at the patient in a family context, as a psycho-spiritual entity. How can one inform them that they have a serious illness, or tell someone that a loved one has died, and then walk away without helping them to cope? If a doctor triggers a life crisis, by the mere fact that he is doing his job, then certainly helping the patient and his family to deal with it is also part of his job."

Ritchie, who himself has known serious illness (he has recovered from kidney cancer), says the doctor-patient relationship is

often neglected in Israel. While many local physicians may claim to be too pressed by the demands of their work to have time for this extra assignment, Ritchie counters that ministering to one's patient's emotional needs and treating him with courtesy and dignity don't have to take much time at all.

"In fact, doing this part of the work can actually save time in unnecessary medical treatment. Doctors suffer 'burnout' if they don't do their job in a complete way. If you carry out your work with a full heart, to the best of your ability and get help from a team of the best people, you won't have reason for regrets."

THIS HUMANISTIC approach has led Ritchie to find his niche in crisis intervention. With small grants from two US donors (the Refuah and the New Tudor Foundations), he has established his institute at 24 Rehov Bayit Vegan in Jerusalem (tel./fax 02-643-6771).



Joshua Ritchie: The doctor-patient relationship is often neglected in Israel.

Over 200 teachers, social workers, psychologists, rabbis, school counselors and other professionals attended the institute's inaugural symposium at Beit Agon recently. The featured speaker at the inaugural symposium was Prof. Gerald Caplan, author of *The Elements of Crisis Intervention* and a world-renowned expert in the field.

Some 30 professionals are taking a 40-hour intensive, English-speaking course (paying NIS 980 in tuition to cover expenses) on crisis counseling at Beit Agon on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus; 30 more are expected to complete a second course by the fall.

Impressed by the quality and content of the lectures by Ritchie and some of the top crisis-counseling experts in Israel (Dr. Danny Brom, Dr. Gary Quinn and Debbie Gross), the Education Ministry has recognized the course for employees seeking training upgrades, and the Hebrew University is subsidizing participation by a staffer.

A Hebrew-language crisis-counseling course is due to start in the fall. The large majority of those in the current training course are women; about 60% are observant Jews.

"This just happened; our course does not have a religious theme," explains Ritchie. "Many English-speakers in Jerusalem are observant."

"Some of the participants are

hardi rabbis who, coming from abroad, don't object to being in a class with women. But if we find demand for a Hebrew-language course among hardi rabbis who are upset about this, we would run some courses with a [sex-segregated] *mehitza* so they would feel comfortable," he continues.

Although various hot-line organizations, such as ERAN (Emotional First Aid) and Ozen Kashevet have instituted training courses for their volunteers, they do not train outsiders working in either public or private institutions, says Ritchie, who says there is an urgent need for the kind of counselors that his institute trains.

Ritchie's course is very practical. It consists of lectures with question-and-answer sessions, demonstrations, practice exercises and working through scenarios to help participants hone their skills in guiding individuals through crisis intervention therapy.

Although there is no promise that graduates will get jobs as crisis counselors, many in related fields seek to improve their skills. Others will volunteer for Ritchie's two hot lines, which he hopes will be established within several months in Jerusalem and eventually be open round the clock. It would routinely refer callers to further help if necessary.

"The ideal would be to establish a walk-in center for those who need face-to-face help," he suggests. But this would depend on adequate funding. Even the hot lines couldn't function only with volunteers; they would need some full-time paid professionals to ensure continuity and direction.

English-speaking residents and tourists will be targeted by one hot line; Orthodox men will have their own, following the success of the religious women's hot line operating out of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital and directed by Debbie Gross. (This on-line crisis center fields calls mostly about family problems, including physical and emotional abuse and even rape.)

But religious — especially hardi — men have been neglected, claims Ritchie, who himself wears a black kippa and side-curls and identifies himself as a hassid of the Amshinover Rebbe.

Prominent hardi rabbis have given Ritchie their warm endorsement of the proposed hot line, he says. "They don't feel at all threatened by it, even though rabbis traditionally provide counseling as well. Anyone who does a good deed doesn't fear competition," says Ritchie, who seeks to complement existing services and help those groups that don't have a suitable address today.

"It has been estimated that there are 100 million personal life crises a year in the US alone. I am speaking of normal people who are temporarily disoriented and become partially dysfunctional due to their personal crisis," he says. "Most of these people can come out of it in up to two months, but with proper help, they can get out from under the crisis more quickly and with fewer scars."

HEALTH SCAN

New therapy for diabetics with gangrene

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Diabetics whose blood circulation is so poor that their feet develop gangrene and osteomyelitis and who consequently face limb amputation, can be helped by fly maggots that eat away necrotic tissue, allowing new layers of healthy tissue to cover the wound.

This unattractive but potentially successful therapy offered to patients at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem by parasitologists at the affiliated Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, was reported on in *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical

Association.

The team, headed by parasite expert Dr. Kosta Mumcuoglu, provided doctors with larvae of the sheep blowfly, *Phaenicia sericata*, for treatment of five elderly diabetic patients whose gangrene had not improved with antibiotic therapy.

Despite severe pain and the danger of blood poisoning, they refused to have their limbs amputated. The patients nevertheless agreed to undergo maggot therapy twice a week.

Sterile larvae were applied to the wound and replaced about twice a week. In the most seriously affected patient, the blackened, necrotic tissue around the toes and

on the soles of the feet detached from the healthy tissues at the end of four months; during the last three months, the maggots had removed the remaining infected tissue. The pain disappeared and the patient was able to walk without discomfort. The other patients, who had relatively superficial gangrene, completed their therapy in a month.

The idea of using maggots to remove gangrenous tissue did not originate at Hadassah: the possibility was first observed by Napoleon's chief military physician and then later by the chief medical officer in the US Civil War.

It was used until the 1950s, but

when antibiotics and surgical techniques became available, the use of fly larvae was abandoned. With the development of bacterial strains resistant to antibiotics, doctors thought of returning to the parasitic technique, but only for those patients who didn't respond to any other therapy.

It can also be used for burns, sores, chronic bone infections and pus-filled boils. The main shortcomings of using maggots are the psychological and aesthetic problems of patients feeling they're being "eaten alive" by parasites. But the larvae's freedom of action is limited by bandages, and medications reduce the itching of the bites.

Rx FOR READERS



Making no scents

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

I find that exposure to someone wearing perfume or cologne, particularly in a confined place such as an automobile, causes choking and a headache, similar to being exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke. Is there something harmful in the perfume, and if so, is it also harmful to the person wearing the perfume? W.W., Jerusalem.

Prof. Meir Shalit, director of the allergy unit in the clinical immunology department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies:

The perfume is not harmful to the person wearing it but, in your case, it apparently does provoke a reaction in your body. From your description, it seems you are hyper-reactive and suffer from non-specific irritation of the airways. This is a very common, chronic condition and usually begins in younger people.

It can be induced by inhaling vapors from cigarette smoke, acetone, gasoline, after-shave, smog, perfume and other substances with a strong odor. If you are asthmatic, or have concealed asthma, you may have to take inhalant to minimize the allergic reaction.

You can undergo tests at a respiratory or allergy clinic to find out if you have concealed asthma. The effects will dissipate as time passes after exposure. But you should try to avoid contact with perfume or cologne.

I am a 58-year-old woman. I once had a

blood clot in my leg. In a few weeks, I have to travel to Australia — a very long flight from here — and consulted my doctor. He said I could fly. But is there anything I can do in the plane to avoid the formation of blood clots? Should I take aspirin to thin the blood? R.N., Rishon LeZion.

Dr. Eddie Shifrin, head of the vascular surgery unit at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, comments:

You don't provide details on whether the blood clot appeared in superficial veins under the skin or in veins deep inside the leg. The latter is much more risky and requires special treatment.

If the clot was under the skin, walking around a lot (when permitted) on the plane will help prevent the formation of clots, as will keeping your leg elevated. You should also wear elastic stockings during the flight.

If the clot affected vessels deep inside the leg, you must get two injections of Clexane, a low-molecular, slow-release heparin, which thins the blood.

One of the shots should be given the day before, and the second shot the same day as the flight. The drug is effective for 24 hours.

You must do the same on your return flight. In this case, you should wear elastic stockings during the flight as well.

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Testing time for Turkey

Two ministers resigned over the weekend from the Turkish government run by Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, heralding the latest crisis in this 10-month-old and first-ever Islamist-led government. Erbakan not only appears bent on destroying the much-admired secular basis of the Turkish state, but he also appears to have little regard for his own political survival.

Two months ago, increasingly angry military chiefs gave Erbakan an unvarnished warning to roll back his efforts to introduce fundamentalist Islam into the state. The prime minister has all but ignored the 18-point plan presented to him by the military and secular leaders of Turkey, prompting the departure of the two ministers of the secular True Path. Most blatantly, Erbakan refused to implement one element of the plan drawn up by the National Security Council — a demand that state secular education be increased to eight years from five. This key provision is the basis of an education policy that would phase out religious middle schools and make it harder for graduates of religious schools to enter universities.

Some half a million students now attend religious middle and high schools — supposed to be imam training schools. The National Security Council demanded that enrollment in such schools be scaled back to accommodate only students who genuinely wish to become clerics. One of the resigning ministers warned that Erbakan's policies are a danger to the state and to democracy. There is little doubt this is correct and the sooner this inept and dangerous prime minister is relieved of office, the better for democracy, for Turkey, and its relations with its neighbors.

Among the factors adding up to the latest crisis was Erbakan's churlish treatment of Foreign Minister David Levy on his recent visit to Turkey. The country's new friendship and bilateral military and economic agreements with Israel are taken extremely seriously by the powerful Turkish military elite. Erbakan's first refusal to meet Israel's foreign minister infuriated the military. But when he was forced to meet Levy, his truculent rudeness merely added insult to injury. "Israel should immediately withdraw from lands it has occupied for years," said Erbakan. "Plans to establish new settlements should be aborted." Israel is used to similar comments from foreign statesmen, but they are usually made in the good faith of evolved foreign policy. In Erbakan's case, not only was the comment aimed at pleasing radical Arab states and his new-found friends in Teheran, it was laughable in its hypocrisy. The major international gripe against Turkey is its forceful occupation of one-third of Cyprus. Levy lost a fine opportunity to put Erbakan in his place by reminding him that Turkey has imposed 80,000 unwanted mainland settlers on the Cypriots — and settled them in the homes and properties stolen from Greek Cypriots who were forcibly driven from their ancestral homelands in northern Cyprus at gunpoint in 1974. These are indeed "lands occupied for years" and the resolution of the invasion and occupation of Cyprus

should concern the Erbakan government considerably more than the disagreements between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Erbakan is putting his country in an extremely dangerous bind. Kemal Ataturk so deeply ingrained secularism in the Turkish state that, if not the national religion, it certainly has been the official national philosophy and the bedrock of the state constitution. It was a brave and miraculous forced modernization that swept Turkey out of Ottoman decline and decay into the new 20th century. Ataturk saved his country from the fate of all the Arab Islamic states in the region, which cannot boast one democracy among them. It put Turkey on the threshold of modern Europe for, without its exemplary separation of mosque and state, there is no way the European Union could even consider an association with Turkey.

All of this is now being put at risk by a boorish and narrow-minded Islamist who seems to think Turkey's place is among the ayatollahs and regressive pariahs of the Middle East, rather than among the educated and enlightened democracies preparing to march into the 21st century. Turkey has enough problems to overcome. It has not yet become entirely acceptable to Europe, because of its patchy human rights and shaky police standards — as well as its occupation of Cyprus and long war against the Kurds. No country is perfect and under secular governments Turkey's problems are not insoluble. Its record has advanced and improved all the time, and it has been a loyal ally to its Western friends and a remarkable example of a style of democracy Moslems can accept without undermining their religious beliefs.

Even if Erbakan's Islamization program did not ruin Turkey by turning it into another vicious, primitive, and divided Algeria — it could still ruin Turkey if the military becomes convinced the only way to stop Erbakan is to intervene. Turkey's choice is getting ironically close to losing democracy to Islamization, or losing democracy by crushing Islamization. Turkey simply cannot afford another coup. Even if it were swift, bloodless, and short, it would set the country back decades. Turkey's critics, such as the Greeks and Cypriots and their supporters in Europe, would simply point out that Turkey always ends up calling out the tanks. This is not the way real democracies solve political crises, and Turkey could kiss any hope of joining the European Union good-bye for a very long time indeed.

This seems to be well-understood in Ankara and this weekend's new meeting of the National Security Council to pressure Erbakan could be the last chance to persuade him to put his Islamic radicals back in the closet. In fact, Erbakan should simply quit. By his populist rousing of the fundamentalist menace in Turkey he is doing his country a disservice unprecedented since Ataturk's visionary leap forward. Erbakan is committed only to a great leap backward under the same dangerous delusion as Algeria and Iran that fundamentalism is the wave of the future.



The American precedent

The lasting legacy of an Israeli prime minister or an American president is not only seen in the actual policy he makes but in the people he appoints — some of whom will continue leaving their mark even after the man who appointed them leaves office.

We did not need the attorney-general's report on the Hassan/Avi-Yitzhak Affair (mistakenly called the Bar-On Affair) to know that Benjamin Netanyahu has so far failed miserably in his decisions on major appointments.

These failures are just cause for national debate and for Netanyahu's own personal introspection, and they will probably not be solved by appointing an "inter-ministerial committee." Unfortunately, lousy appointments may become the legacy of the Netanyahu years — from Roni Bar-On as attorney-general to Avigdor Lieberman as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Indeed, Netanyahu did not have a chief of staff in his office for many months. Even today, does anybody know who is the chief of staff of Netanyahu's office: Pinhas Fishler, David Agmon, secretary Ruhama Avraham or economic advisor Moshe Leon? Does anybody know how much time it will take Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy to decide who will be Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, or who will fill dozens of other major diplomatic appointments?

This abysmal record, however, is not cause for prosecution or removal from office for "public causes," i.e. what the US Constitution calls "high crimes and misdemeanors." Because the Israeli prime ministry may be evolving into something that seems more "presidential," it is only fair to recall that presidents Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton all made terrible appointments — some of them far more dangerous than Roni Bar-On.

Nixon tried to appoint G. Harold Carswell and Clement Haynsworth to the Supreme Court, but both men were such laughable choices that Nixon, or rather his backer Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska, argued that "even the mediocre need to be represented on the Supreme Court."

Some may argue that, by appointing Bar-On, Netanyahu

MICHAEL WIDLANSKI

was trying to do the same thing — adding a little mediocrity. Such an argument, however, is not fair. It is clear that Netanyahu and Justice Minister Hanehgi wanted to broaden the ideological purview of the judiciary by appointing men with a criminal-law background from the private sector as well as men who are more familiar with Jewish law

When it comes to bad appointments, the PM is following in Reagan and Clinton's footsteps

(such as Ya'acov Ne'eman).

This, as even Attorney-General Rubinstein suggested in his oral remarks, is a legitimate concern. An examination of the opinions of the Supreme Court and the state attorney's office in the last decade would show that the intellectual/ideological framework of both has become far too narrow. A recent survey of the opinions of Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak found no quotes from the Talmud or from rabbinic responsa, but allusions to legal decisions in places as relevant as Burma and Sri Lanka.

It is no wonder that Ma'ariv columnist Ben-Dror Yemini has called Barak's court "a secular priesthood" and a self-perpetuating elite. Even casual observers see what is in effect a closed clique drawn from university seminars and clerkships.

But Netanyahu-Hanehgi's method of broadening the judiciary — both the choice and the way it was brought for cabinet approval — was seriously flawed. Maybe they were copying Clinton.

Clinton's choices for attorney-general — Zoe Baird and Janet Reno — were an outrage, the former was withdrawn while the latter has presided over several incredible fiascos involving the FBI's killing of innocent people as well as turning a blind eye to some of the more obvious scandals in the Clinton White House.

Clinton's own White House counsel staff has included several people who were either indicted, near indictment or committed suicide such as Hillary Clinton's friend, Vince Foster. Are these

reason enough to impeach Clinton or throw him out of office? No.

Like Netanyahu, Clinton was directly elected by the people, and overruling the people's will is not done lightly: in Clinton's case, not even after the Whitewater Affair, the Filegate scandal (keeping FBI files on opponents), the Travelgate imbroglio or the latest Indo-gate affair that involves allowing a say in American policy to Indonesian businessmen who contributed to the Clinton campaign.

The taint of corruption on the Clinton White House has become so severe that Clinton even had to withdraw the nomination of Anthony Lake as head of the CIA because he may have been involved in the Indo-gate affair.

No such level of corruption has tainted Netanyahu so far, and his record looks more like that of Ronald Reagan in his first years in office. The well-meaning but inexperienced Reagan went through four national security advisors in a matter of months: Richard Allen, Robert MacFarlane, John Poindexter and Judge William Clark.

The first three were involved with scandals ranging from Korea to Iran-Contra assistance, while the latter could not even name the capital of South Africa at his confirmation hearings. Reagan also made the somewhat failed appointment of Alexander Haig, who lasted for less than two years as secretary of state. The level of chaos at the White House only abated after Reagan named James Baker as chief of staff.

This same bumbling president finally took control of his affairs, presiding over the longest period of peacetime prosperity in American history as well as the disintegration of "the Evil Empire" — the Soviet Union.

Many self-styled "intellectuals" make fun of Netanyahu (in much the way they made fun of Reagan) calling him a good-looking but disorganized and superficial leader whose only gift is reading texts well before a television camera. But if Netanyahu can learn — and internalize (to use another of Elyakim Rubinstein's terms) — the imperative to make serious staffing decisions and policy appointments, he may yet defy the smug prognostications of his opponents — just as Reagan did.

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I abstain!

DAVID NEWMAN

Britain goes to the elections on Thursday. The polls are forecasting a victory by the Labour Party headed by Tony Blair. If this comes about, it will signal the end of nearly two decades of rule by a Conservative government, headed successively by the Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher and the grey figure of Prime Minister John Major.

As an ex-Brit and a political scientist, I remain deeply interested in British politics. The advent of cable TV in Israel has meant that I, like many of my fellow expatriates, are able to remain as knowledgeable of British weather, sport and politics (usually in that order) as we ever were in our past lives.

But despite my entitlement to do so, I will not be casting my vote in the elections. I no longer reside in that country, nor do I possess any taxable assets in Britain. I do not believe that I should cast a vote concerning the future direction of a country which I have opted to leave.

True, I visit there often (for the weather and sport, not the politics) and am irrationally proud of my British background. I constantly bemoan the lack of British finesse, politeness and understatement in Israeli political life. I maintain my British citizenship and have taken out the same on behalf of my sabra children. There is something of the British in my identity and mannerisms, a sort of dual cultural identity which is not something to be ashamed of and is probably present amongst most immigrants to this country.

But it is to Israel that I have tied my present and future and it is here that I use my vote in an attempt to influence the government and its policies.

There is no logical reason for trying to influence the outcome of an election being held in a coun-

There's no reason for a British expat to vote in Thursday's elections

try in which I do not reside. Unlike citizens of the US, I am not obligated to file an annual income-tax form, nor am I subject to the rules and regulations of that country for as long as I continue to live elsewhere.

I am at a loss to understand the logic behind the recent attempt by some Knesset members to allow Israelis living abroad to vote in elections here. It has nothing to do with past notions of patriotism, although it is, of course, ironical that Knesset members of the "national" party should be the main proponents of an idea which rewards those who have opted to reside elsewhere.

It is much simpler than all that. It is about where a person resides at a given point in time, where he/she works and where he/she pays their taxes and sends their children to school. It is about participating in a process which will determine the social and economic philosophies governing the effective management of the state during the coming four to five years.

THE British electoral system has its faults.

The "first past the post" system means that individual candidates do not even have to obtain 50 percent of the vote to be declared the overall winner. As a result, some parties end up with far more seats than their national vote justifies, while others end up with hardly any seats despite the fact that they may have obtained 15-20 percent of the national vote.

But the British system does enable the formation of a stable government, one which can usually run the affairs of state for a full term without having to worry about the possibility that the government may be threatened with a no-confidence motion every Monday and Thursday.

It is also a system which obligates the candidates to work on behalf of their constituents and promote the interests of the area they represent. This allows the person in the street to have a far greater influence over the choice of specific candidates, rather than leaving it in the hands of the party faithful.

It is as an outside observer that I shall take an interest in the election. And when, in 2000 — or perhaps earlier — the Israeli government is up for re-election, I will take my place in the queue at the polling booth in an attempt to influence the outcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASTUTE VIEWS

Sir, — God bless Jan Willem van der Hoeven (Letters, April 2). Once again, his unique clarity in assessing our situation shines out. Were it only possible for our own brethren to espouse such factual, unbiased, rational, logical, fair-minded and astute views! We would at least gather strength and pride as a nation. We could then present a united front to the world at large, the same as the Palestinians do.

NAOMI FEINSTEIN

Netanya.

RUDE RESPONSE

Sir, — On a recent Shabbat, I paid a visit to the Helena Rubinstein Pavilion at the Tel Aviv Museum and was very disgusted by the state of the toilets. I made the stupid mistake of complaining to the man at the main entrance, who told me to clean them myself, if I was not satisfied, and offered to give me a bucket of water. This was unacceptable of museum personnel and I told him so in so many words. He just turned his back on me.

J. ROSENBERG

Tel Aviv.

FULL QUOTE

Sir, — It is a pity that Rabbi Michael Lerner ("On transcending tribalism," April 2) did not quote the prophet Isaiah's full statement, found in chapter 56, verse 7: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah's point was not, as implied by Mr. Lerner's incomplete quotation, the internationalization of Jerusalem, but that it become a center for prayer.

SUSAN WIESMAN

Jerusalem.

JEWISH VALUES

Sir, — Yosef Lapid's cry for the secular population to act in a more principled manner ("Apathetic Mr. Average Israeli," April 11) is interesting as far as it goes. Apparently, the principles involved are living an unhindered 20th-century lifestyle, i.e., businesses open on the Sabbath, cheap non-kosher meat imported, and non-Jews accepted into our exclusive club in the same manner as Frenchmen "convert" into Englishmen, and Chinese "convert" into Americans — that is, by a declaration that they will pay allegiance to our "secular" flag, and also like bagels and lox.

Certainly the synagogue-attending Conservative and Reform Jews

Sir, — Miryam Glaser writes ("Free at last," April 3) that, on reading in the *Los Angeles Times* that Orthodox rabbis do not consider Reform Jews to be Jewish, she has decided to throw out her Shabbat candlesticks and eat pork, etc.

I am sick and tired of Reform spokesmen declaring that they are not Jewish in the eyes of the Orthodox. This is simply not true. The Orthodox have explained time and again that, in the eyes of the Torah and Halacha, a Jew is always a Jew, whether he is Orthodox, Reform, Conservative or atheist. He cannot stop being a

Sir, — It's Pessah again — when Israelis will swarm across the Egyptian border in a reverse Exodus. Israeli-Egyptian diplomatic relations are cool, the Egyptian press never ceases to malign Israel, tourism from Egypt is virtually nonexistent and the memory of Ras

he wishes would act as a counterweight to the traditionalists do not consider themselves secularists. Many introspective secularists Jews have also often proclaimed that they hold Jewish values primary — and even "sacred." It would have been interesting to hear from Mr. Lapid exactly which Jewish principles he considers "sacred" for himself and for our Jewish State. Sadly, I get the impression that the most "sacred" principle for him is being like all the other moderns of Scandinavia.

If so, why a Jewish State? It might be safer and easier to live in Copenhagen — or New Zealand.

ZECHARIA DOR-SHAV

Jerusalem.

REFORM JEWS

Jew even if he wants to. It is only Reform converts who, having not converted halachically, are not Jewish.

The *Los Angeles Times*, where the misleading article appeared originally, has subsequently apologized for it. It would be appropriate if the Reform movement would indicate that it has finally understood the above distinction, and it undertakes to stop trying to pretend that the Orthodox have, in the words of Ms. Glaser, "de-jewed" all irreligious Jews.

J.D. HOOL

Jerusalem.

REVERSE EXODUS

Burka still lingers and rankles. But Israelis flock to Egypt.

What perverseness and lack of national pride prompt us to go where, except as cash cows, we are neither wanted nor welcomed?

RENA GORDON

Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

"PROSTITUTES APPEAL TO POPE": that sort of "two-headed monster" headline makes for gleeful reading, but it's not always possible to verify they actually existed. Nevertheless, we're presenting this list of wacky, badly-worded and stating-the-obvious headlines excerpted from the "Notebook" pages of *The New Republic*.

Study Finds Sex, Pregnancy Link (*Cornell Daily Sun*, 7/12/95)
Survey Finds Dirtier Subways After Cleaning Jobs Were Cut (*The New York Times*, 22/11/95)
Alcohol Ads Promote Drinking (*The Hartford Courant*, 18/11/95)
Malls Try to Attract Shoppers (*Baltimore Sun*, 22/10/95)
Man Shoots Neighbor With Machete (*Miami Herald*, 3/7/95)

THE GROOM came by Rolls Royce, the bride in a helicopter. Hundreds of VIP guests pressed in to get a closer look at the starry-eyed couple: a pair of bewildered cats.

Any celebrity would have been proud of the sumptuous 700,000 baht (\$28,000) wedding. After the ceremony, the pair, Phet and Ploy, were sent on a honeymoon river cruise — to be followed by visits to the vet.

Organizer Vicharn Jarat-archa decided to stage the elaborate wedding because his cosmetics company started to do a roaring

business right after he found Phet.

The male part-Siamese cat had a "diamond eye," which some Thais regard as a lucky omen.

Actually, the condition is a type of glaucoma. A hard, blue film develops over the eye, leaving the cat blind unless treated in its early stages. For some cats the disease can be painful.

Perhaps hoping to double his good fortune, Vicharn later returned to the same place and found Ploy, a female with the same eye condition, and began planning a love match.

Vicharn has promised not only to have their eyes looked after but to donate all proceeds, including wedding gifts from his rich guests, to animal welfare charities.

At the wedding, Phet wore a specially made red tuxedo while Ploy was attired in a white wedding gown. Rings were made to fit their paws.

The 500 human guests including government officials and a parrot named Little Emerald, who served as best man. An iguana called Naughty Girl was the maid of honor.

Tomatoes Come in Big, Little, Medium Sizes (*The Daily Progress*, Charlottesville, Virginia, 30/3/95)
Prosecution Paints O.J. as a Wife-Killer (*Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*, 25/1/96)

Court Rules Boxer Shorts Are Indeed Underwear (*Journal of Commerce*, 20/4/96)

Lack of Brains Hinders Research (*The Columbus Dispatch*, 16/4/96)

How We Feel About Ourselves is the Core of Self-Esteem, Says Author Louise Hart (*Boulder Sunday Camera*, 5/2/96)

And these (unsourced) beauties:

Clinton Renames Greenspan Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign To Run Down Jaywalkers

Drunk Gets Nine Months In Violin Case

Survivor Of Siamese Twins Joins Parents

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Soviet Virgin Lands Short Of Goal Again

British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands

Lung Cancer In Women Mushrooms

Eye Drops Off Shelf

Reagan Wins On Budget, But More Lies Ahead

Plane Too Close To Ground, Crash Probe Told

Juvenile Court To Try Shooting Defendant

Stolen Painting Found By Tree Smid Tires Out

Barnsley into top flight after 110 years

LONDON (Reuters) — Unfashionable Barnsley clinched promotion to English soccer's top flight for the first time in their 110-year history yesterday with a 2-0 home victory over Bradford secured the runners-up spot in Division One.

With no Premier League action ahead of England's World Cup game against Georgia this week, attention focused on the promotion and relegation issues in the football league.

The biggest story was at Oakwell where Paul Wilkinson's 21st-minute header put Barnsley on their way.

The home fans and players were getting nervous as Bradford, fighting for survival at the other end of the table, twice hit the post.

But Trinidadian Clint Marcelle finally settled their nerves with the second three minutes from time to spark scenes of mass jubilation.

Manager Danny Wilson was almost in tears after the game as

he described his team's success as "a fantastic achievement."

"We've been very consistent and got our just desserts," he said. "It means so much to the people of the area."

Bolton have already clinched top spot in the first division but four other teams will go into a play-off for the third promotion place.

The fight to avoid dropping out of the league will go to a dramatic last day, head-to-head, after Brighton climbed off the bottom of Division Three with a 1-0 home win over Doncaster in the last-ever game at the Goldstone Ground.

Hereford now trail Brighton on goals scored after losing 2-1 to Orient. The bottom two meet in Hereford next week where the Welsh club must win to avoid dropping out of the league 25 years after joining.

Bury clinched promotion from division two with a goalless draw at Watford.

O'Neal's 46 leads Lakers

NEW YORK (AP) — On a night of outstanding individual performances and one big upset, Shaquille O'Neal outdid everyone.

He scored 46 points in his first playoff game as a member of the Lakers and led Los Angeles past Portland, 95-77, Friday night.

Rex Chapman, meanwhile, had the game of his life to lead the Phoenix Suns to the night's biggest upset — a 106-101 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. Chapman surpassed his season high of 32 and his career high of 39. He also broke Dan Majerle's NBA record of eight 3-pointers in a playoff game.

"It was one of the great moments in playoff history," Kevin Johnson said.

Michael Jordan also had his usual superb game, scoring 29 points with eight rebounds and eight assists as the Chicago Bulls outlasted the Washington Bullets 98-86.

Dikembe Mutombo was the star in the night's other game, scoring 26 points and grabbing 15 rebounds as the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Detroit Pistons 89-75.

O'Neal thoroughly dominated Arvydas Sabonis, one of the few centers who can match the bulk of O'Neal. Sabonis had 18 points and nine rebounds, but couldn't control O'Neal under the basket.

"We prefer to play him with one person," Portland coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "We usually get good help and fouls in other games, but we didn't get that tonight."

With less than a minute remaining, O'Neal scored his final two points on a rim-rattling dunk that sent Sabonis sprawling backward into court-side photographers.

Elden Campbell, O'Neal's replacement when the center missed 31 games with a knee injury, added 20 points.

Rasheed Wallace and Kenny Anderson had the first two baskets of the fourth quarter to draw Portland within two, but the Blazers got no closer the rest of the way as the Lakers outscored them 27-15 in the period.

Suns 106, SuperSonics 101.

Chapman was 9-of-17 on 3-point attempts and 12-of-22 overall. Jason Kidd contributed 11 points and 10 assists for visiting Phoenix who won despite being outrebounded 45-33.

The Suns used Chapman's eighth 3-pointer to go ahead 95-93 with 2:42 left and his ninth for a 102-95 lead with 53 seconds on the clock.

Gary Payton had 23 points, Hersey Hawkins 20 and Shawn Kemp 19 points and 15 rebounds for Seattle, last season's Western Conference champions.

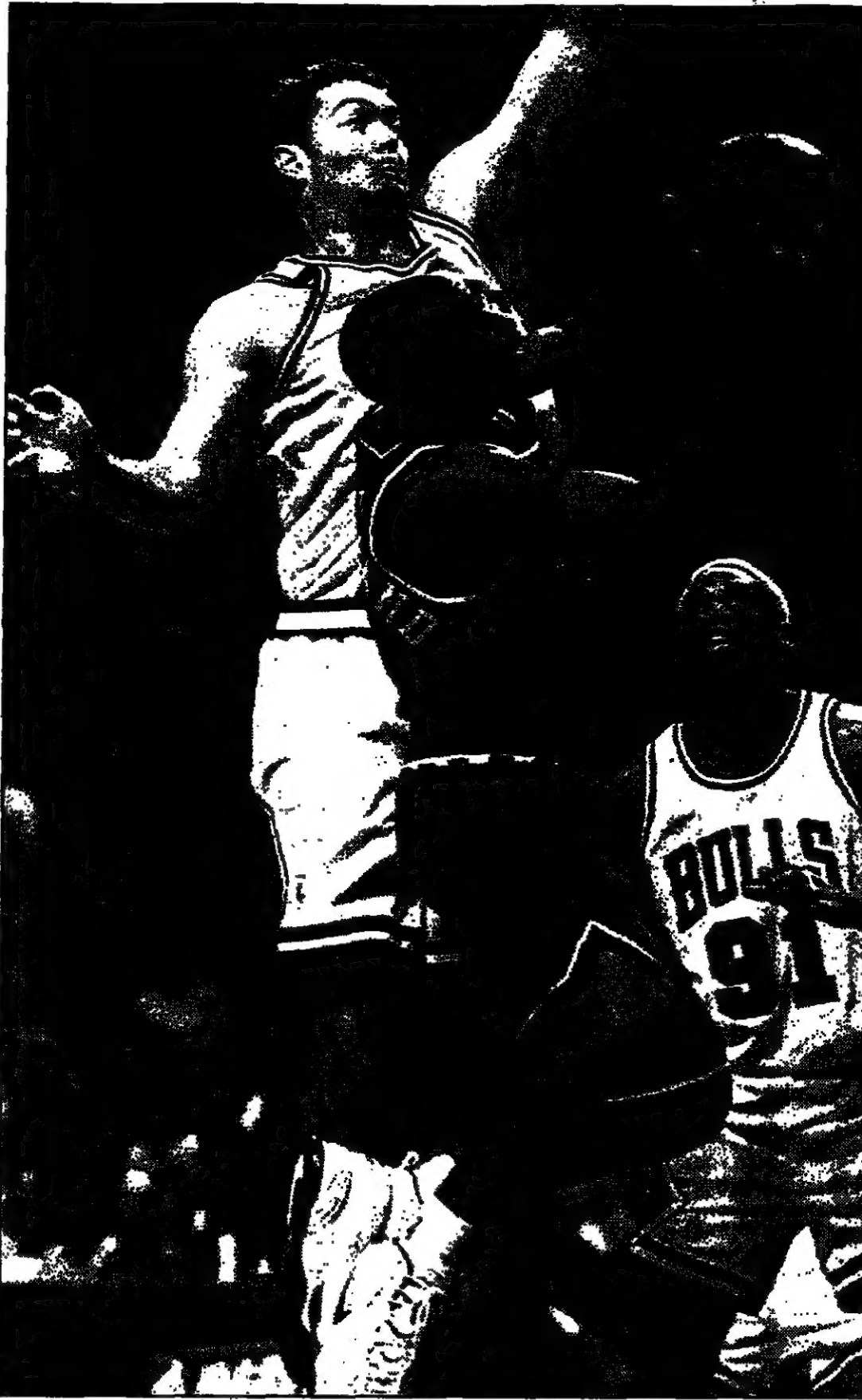
"Losing like this can also be a benefit because it puts your back up against the wall and you have no choice but to come out and play aggressive all the time," Kemp said.

Said Phoenix coach Danny Ainge: "It's big, but it's only one. We have to try and get two more, and that's not an easy job against Seattle."

Bulls 98, Bullets 86

Host Chicago seemed pleased to have escaped with a victory against a team that stayed close for almost 34 quarters.

The defending champions won despite shooting 38 percent and getting little production from Dennis Rodman and Toni Kukoc.



SHOOTING BLANKS — Bulls' Luc Longley blocks Bullets' Rod Strickland's shot in first-quarter action on Friday as Dennis Rodman looks on. Chicago won 98-86.

Rangers advance with OT win

MIAMI (AP) — Esa Tikkanen, who had the game-winning goal in overtime in Game 3, scored at 12:08 of overtime Friday night as the New York Rangers beat the Florida Panthers 3-2 to eliminate the defending Eastern Conference champions.

The Rangers took the series 4-1, winning the final four games.

Mark Messier scored his first two goals of the playoffs for New York, with Tikkanen assisting on both. In Game 3 on Tuesday night, Tikkanen drilled a shot that ricocheted off the inside of the Florida net and out in overtime, causing several minutes of review before the shot was ruled good.

New York's Mike Richter made 38 saves.

Sabres 4, Senators 1

Daniel Alfredsson scored two goals as visiting Ottawa moved within a game of their first playoff series victory.

The Senators, who entered the league as an expansion team in 1992-93, lead the best-of-7 Eastern Conference series 3-2. Game 6 is tonight at the Corel Center in Kanata, Ontario.

The Sabres for the second straight game were without star goalie Dominik Hasek, who has a sprained right knee.

Alfredsson scored in the first minute of the second and third periods.

Ron Tugnait stopped 24 shots, but lost the shutout in the third period on Donald Audette's goal after Ottawa had built a 3-0 lead. Shawn McEachern and Randy Cunneyworth also scored for the Senators.

Red Wings 5, Blues 2

Steve Yzerman scored on a fluke goal early in the game and host Detroit never trailed as it took a 3-2 lead in their Western Conference series.

The five goals matched Detroit's entire output against Blues goalie Grant Fuhr in the first four games. The best-of-7 series moves to St. Louis for Game 6 tonight. A seventh game, if necessary, would be Tuesday night in Detroit.

Vyacheslav Kozlov, Darren McCarty, Brendan Shanahan and Larry Murphy also scored for Detroit. Al MacInnis and Jim Campbell scored for St. Louis.

Stars 1, Oilers 0 (2 OT)

Ryan Smyth's 25-foot slap shot from the left circle found its way through Andy Moog's pads and into the net just 12 seconds into the second overtime as visiting Edmonton took a 3-2 lead in their Western Conference series.

Game 6 is today in Edmonton. A seventh game would be in Dallas on Tuesday night.

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)

Thursday: Montreal 4, New Jersey 3 (OT); New Jersey leads series 3-1. Colorado 7, Chicago 0; Colorado leads series 3-2. Phoenix 5, Anaheim 2; Phoenix leads series 3-2.

Friday results: Ottawa 4, Buffalo 1; Ottawa leads series 3-2. Detroit 5, St. Louis 2; Detroit leads series 3-2. New York 3, Florida 2 (OT); New York wins series 4-1. Edmonton 1, Dallas 0, 2OT; Edmonton leads series 3-2.

PREMIER LEAGUE

G	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	34	20	5	69	39	69
Arsenal	36	18	7	59	30	65
Liverpool	35	18	7	58	34	64
Newcastle	34	17	9	58	40	60
Aston Villa	36	16	10	44	44	58
Sheff Wed	34	14	14	47	54	54
Chelsea	36	15	10	51	54	55
Wimbledon	35	13	12	42	44	49
Tottenham	36	13	17	42	47	46
Derby	36	11	14	27	37	44
Everton	36	10	12	44	52	42
Blackburn	35	9	14	40	37	41
Leicester	35	10	15	39	50	40
Southampton	36	9	11	48	55	38
West Ham	35	9	11	34	45	38
Coventry	36	8	12	44	51	37
Sunderland	36	9	10	37	32	37
Middlesbrough	34	9	9	44	54	33
Nottingham Forest	36	8	15	30	53	33
Middlesbrough deducted 3 points for calling off players						

DIVISION THREE

G	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	45	25	9	82	51	84
Sheff Wed	45	24	12	71	38	84
Cardiff	44	22	12	62	42	78
Swansea	45	21	7	70	56	70
Chorley	45	18	11	55	42	70
Northampton	45	19	12	44	66	69
Cardiff	45	20	9	55	52	69
Lincoln	45	18	12	50	67	68
Colchester	45	16	17	52	69	65
CamUtd	45	18	11	53	58	65
Mansfield	45	16	13	47	43	64
Scarbrough	45	18	9	58	61	63
Scarbrough	45	15	15	53	68	60
Barnet	45	14	16	44	47	58
Hull	45	13	14	44	48	57
Rochdale	44	13	18	55	55	55
Lytham	45	14	12	49	58	54
Hartlepool	45	14	8	51	64	50
Torquay	45	13	11	45	60	50
Darlington	45	13	10	42	62	49
Doncaster	45	13	10	42	65	49
Exeter	45	12	12	48	71	48
Brighton	45	13	9	32	69	48
Hereford	45	11	13	21	49	46
Brighton deducted 2 points due to fans field invasion						

SCOTTISH PREMIER

G	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	33	24	5	4	83	77
Celtic	33	21	5	7	72	67
Dundee Utd	33	18	9	6	45	29
Hearts	34	13	10	11	43	41
Dunfermline	34	11	8	15	47	41
Aberdeen	34	9	13	12	42	39
Hibernian	34	9	10	15	38	37
Kilmarnock	33	11	4	18	37	37
Motherwell	34	8	10	16	40	34
Falkirk	34	6	6	22	28	24

DIVISION ONE

G	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ch-Bolton	45	26	13	4	98	91
p-Barnsley	45	22	14	9	75	80
lpswich	45	20	13	12	67	73
Wolves	44	21	10	13	68	73
Sheff Utd	44	20	12	13	72	72
Crystal Pal	45	19	13	13	72	70
QPR	45	18	12	15	64	67
Port Vale	44	17	15	12	56	66
Portsmouth	45	19	8	18	53	65
Birmingham	45	17	14	14	51	65
Tranmere	45	15	12	18	54	64
Norwich	45	17	12	16	53	63
Stoke	45	17	10	18	49	61
Man City	45	16	10	19	58	58
Charlton	44	16	10	18	52	58
W.B. Abdon	44	15	15	15	57	57
Reading	45	15	12	18	56	57
Oxford Utd	45	15	9	21	59	54
Swindon	45	15	8	22	57	53
Huddersfield	45	13	14	18	48	53
Grimsby	45	10	13	22	58	43
Bradford	44	10	12	23	47	42
Oldham	45	9	13	23	48	40
Sheff Wed	45	8	15	22	42	39

DIVISION TWO

G	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
p-Bury	45	23	12	10	80	81
Sheff Wed	45	21	10	14	70	74
Luton	45	20	14	11	58	74
Brentford	45	22	8	17	56	72
Crewe	44	20	10	14	67	70
Bristol City	45	18	15	12	59	69
Blackpool	45	18	12	15	54	68
Gillingham	45	17	12	16	54	64
Watford	45	16	10	19	44	57
Wrexham	45	16	10	19	44	57
Burnley	45	18	11	16	57	65
Chesham	43	17	14	12	41	65
Grimsby	44	17	12	16	58	64
Millwall	45	16	13	16	50	61
Bo-month	45	15	14	16	49	59
Preston	45	17	7	21	47	58
Bristol	45	16	11	18	46	58
Plymouth	45	12	12	21	58	53
Wycombe	45	14	10	21	49	52
York	45	13	12	20	46	51
r-Shrewsbury	45	11	13	21	49	42
r-Borough	45	10	14	21	54	44
r-Notts Co-ly	45	7	14	24	38	38
r-Rotherham	45	8	14	25	37	32

Canada romps to 7-0 win over Norway

TORONTO (Reuters) — Geoff Sanderson scored twice while Sean Burke and Rick Tabarelli shared in this shutout as Canada opened the ice hockey world championship yesterday with a 7-0 victory over Norway.

Bob Errey and Sanderson broke open the contest in the first period when they scored goals just 49 seconds apart.

Sanderson, a center with the Hartford Whalers, picked up his second by deflecting Brian McCabe's slap shot past shell-shocked Norwegian netminder Robert Schuster to send Canada into the first break 3-0 ahead.

Green Nolan, Keith Primeau, Alvin Carter, and Rob Zamuner all found the net in the second period as Canada scored their biggest world championship win since beating Austria 11-0 in 1993.

Burke, who collected silver medals with Canada at the 1989 and 1991 world championships, was again — as in the 1992 Lillehammer Olympics — was assisted by Tabarelli in the Canadian net at the start of the third period.

Despite the ease of their victory, Canada approached the game cautiously against the Norwegians, who opened last year's tournament by drawing 2-2 with the Czech Republic and 1-1 with their defending champions Finland.

Last night's result — in which Pool A: Czech Republic 2, Germany 1,

Federation Cup team loses to Russia

By HEATHER CHAIT

Just one point separated the national women's tennis team on Friday from a win over Russia and entry into the World Group of the Federation Cup.

After a thrilling clash, Israel narrowly lost 1-2 in the playoff round of the tournament held in Bari, Italy.

In the singles play, Hila Rosen overwhelmed the 15-year-old prodigy Anna Koznikova 6-1, 7-5(3) while Anna Smashnova lost to Russia's No. 1 player Elena Likhovtseva 6-4, 6-0.

The crucial doubles match, in which Tzipi Obziler teamed up with Rosen against the two

Russian women, was fraught with upheavals.

In the first set, the Russians overruled the Israeli lead of 5-2 to win the tiebreak 7-6(4). In the next set, the Israelis reversed a 1-3 deficit to win 6-3 but at 5-3 and match-point in the third set, the Russian duo returned to win the match 7-6(4), 3-6, 7-5.

A win would have propelled Israel into the World Group but the result means another year in the European Group I.

On Thursday, Israel was beaten 3-0 by Slovenia. Smashnova lost to Barbara Malej 7-5, 7-5, 8-6 while Rosen went down 7-6(4), 6-3 to Tina Krizan. In the doubles Nataly Cabana and Obziler lost to Krizan and Katarina

Frebotnik 6-3, 6-0.

Last night Freddy Krivine, president of the Israel Tennis Association, announced plans to apply to the ITF to host next year's Federation Cup in April.

"After successfully hosting the Euro-African Qualifying rounds here last year," said Krivine, "I have no doubt that if there is no security problem, the countries will be delighted to play here."

Meanwhile, in the youth tournament in Beersheba, Kobi Ziv and Rotem Tepperberg won the boys' and girls' titles respectively yesterday. For Tepperberg, this was her second successive title after last week's win in Bat Yam.

White Sox 9, Yankees 3

Frank Thomas and Albert Belle homered for the first time as teammates as visiting Chicago won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Thomas drove in four runs with his second straight four-hit game. The White Sox built a 9-0 lead

behind Wilson Alvarez (1-3) and ended the Yankees' three-game winning string.

Rangers 6, Twins 3

Will Clark's two-run homer capped a five-run third inning for visiting Texas.

Clark has hit safely in all six of his starts.

National soccer squad trains for Cyprus

By ORI LEVINE

Israel's soccer squads will reconvene their training camp for their respective qualifying matches against Cyprus on Wednesday.

The national squad were dealt a blow to their morale on Thursday night at the end of the first phase of training when they were beaten 4-2 by the under-21 side. Coach Shimon Scharf was not pleased by the result, and the national team will pick up speed in their preparations for the crucial World Cup qualifier on Wednesday. It is a must win match if they are to have a chance of vying for a place in the finals in France next year.

The under-21 side is in much better shape both in the standings — they lead European Championship qualifying group 5 with 13 points ahead of Russia (9) — and on morale, they have not lost any of their five group matches so far.

The national team are in a more subdued mood, but they are nevertheless favorites to win on Wednesday (kickoff 18:00). Scharf appears to have made his mind up on most of his starting lineup. He will probably open with Rafi Cohen in goal, and with Felix Halfon, Amir Shelah, Arik Benadon and David Amaleim.

Griffey's 3 home runs set April mark

TORONTO (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. hit three home runs Friday night to break the major league record for homers in April with 13, powering the Seattle Mariners to a 13-8 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Griffey's second homer, a solo shot in the seventh off Roger Clemens, gave him 12 homers in April, breaking the record of 11 that he had tied earlier in the night and shared with six others.

Then in the eighth, Griffey connected for his 13th homer, this one off reliever Mike Timlin to give

the Mariners a 13-7 lead. The major-league record for homers in one month is 18, set by Detroit's Rudy York in August 1937.

Indians 11, Brewers 4

Matt Williams hit three homers, David Justice homered twice and visiting Cleveland hit a club record eight in all.

Milwaukee hit three homers as the teams combined to match a major-league record for home runs in a nine-inning night game.

The record of 12 homers was set by Detroit and Chicago on May 28, 1995.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	13	6	.684	—
Boston	11	10	.524	3
Toronto	9	10	.474	4
New York	10	12	.455	4 1/2
Detroit	9	14	.391	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	11	10	.524	—
Minnesota	11	11	.500	1/2
Kansas City	9	10	.474	1
Milwaukee	8	10	.444	1 1/2
Chicago	7	14	.333	4
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	14	8	.636	—
Texas	11	8	.579	1 1/2
Oakland	11	11	.500	3
Anaheim	10	10	.500	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	15	5	.750	—
Florida	11	9	.550	4
Montreal	10	9	.526	4 1/2
New York	8	13	.381	7 1/2
Philadelphia	7	13	.350	8
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	14	7	.667	—
Pittsburgh	10	10	.500	3 1/2
St. Louis	7	13	.350	6 1/2
Cincinnati	6	15	.286	8
Chicago	8	17	.320	10 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	14	5	.737	—
San Francisco	14	5	.737	—
Los Angeles	11	8	.579	3
San Diego	9	10	.474	5

making up the back four. Tal Benin as captain will play at the Zohar, Avi Nimmal and Haim Revivo making up the rest of the midfield and Eli Ohana up front.

The remaining question is who from among Ronnie Rosenzthal, Eyal Berkovic and Alon Hazzan will fill the one slot which is still to be named.

Cyprus coach Stavros Papadopoulos has named a 22-man squad for Wednesday's match, the Cypriots are due here tomorrow night. Despite several changes, the squad includes veteran captain Pambos Pittas of Apollon Limassol who was a thorn in Israel's side and dangerous Sinica Gagic of Anorthosis Famagusta who scored both goals in Cyprus's first-leg 2-0 win in Limassol last November.

Due to the national teams' preparations, there was no action in the National League and Second Division this weekend. The Sportoto line was taken from results in the Third Division.

This week's winning Sportoto line: XXX2,1,2,XX,X,1,X,1,1,2. This week's winning Toto Plus line: XXX2,1,2,2,2,X,1,X,1,1,1. This week's winning Tototeko numbers: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 28.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL — Results of the fifth-round matches played Friday and yesterday: Hawthorn 159 (99) def. Sydney Swans 118 (74), West Coast Eagles 19.12 (126) def. Melbourne 12.6 (78), Adelaide Crows 19.7 (121) def. Western Bulldogs 9.17 (71), Fremantle Dockers 16.11 (107) def. St Kilda 15.11 (101), Collingwood 14.15 (99) def. Essendon 10.10 (70).

CRITIC'S CHOICE

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* continues its wily ways with performances tomorrow night at the Netanya Auditorium, at the Haifa Auditorium on Tuesday and at the Kfar Sava Auditorium on Wednesday, all at 9 p.m., and ends up on Thursday at the Wix Auditorium in Rehovot at 8:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The "Musical Pessah" chamber music festival in Zichron Ya'acov continues today and tomorrow. Today's morning concert (11 a.m.) features music by Debussy, Brahms and Mozart while later today (2:30) there are chamber-music works by Spohr, Schubert, Brahms and Berg.

The festival finale (tomorrow at 8) focuses on more music by Brahms as well as works by Beethoven, Kurtág and Barber. Performers include cellists Clara Strauss and Shmuel Magen, soprano Sharon Rostorf, duo pianists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir, violinists David Barov and Vera Vaidman and pianists Rodica Iancovici, Avner Hanani, Emanuel Krasovsky and others.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

"A Mediterranean Dialogue" took place in Jerusalem in December. This was an attempt to isolate a unifying cultural identity through music. Musicians from various Mediterranean countries took part, each presenting his work, inspirations and paths in his search for an intercultural language.

Among the participants were Ros Dali of Greece, and bands from Morocco and Spain. From Israel were Shlomo Bar, Yair Dallal, Taisir Elias, Albert Piamanta and others. The Educational Television filmed the workshops and the final gala performance. *Mediterranean Music* can be seen on Channel 2, today at 17:30,



Shlomo Bar appears on 'A Mediterranean Dialogue,' tonight on Channel 2.

with a repeat tomorrow at 11:00.

Another view of Sephardi existence in Israel can be seen on Channel 1 tonight at 21:00, with Hana Azulay-Hasfari's semi-autobiographical film, *Sh'hur*.

This is a colorful and passionate portrait of the Moroccan community through the story of 13-year-old Rahel, who struggles to make sense of the "white magic" practiced by her family, incarnated in her older sister Pina.

When she grows up, Rahel becomes a successful media personality, but she cannot leave her family and traditions behind. Directed by Shmuel Hasfari, with Gila Almogor, Ya'acov Cohen, Ronit Elkabetz, Amos Lavi and Azulay-Hasfari.

On Monday, viewers can watch *Back to Mama*, a touching documentary about the journey of two young Ethiopians back to the place where they grew up to see their mothers. They both came to Israel leaving their mothers behind and grew up in Israeli boarding schools. Rachel Asasom will bring her mother back with her. This is the personal story of two people, but also the tale of the thousands of Ethiopians whose families were torn apart during the Operation Moses and Solomon airlifts. Channel 2, 10 p.m.

TV

SUNDAY

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Cartoons
8:30 Moomins
8:50 Wild Turkeys
9:20 The Wizard of Oz
9:45 The Castle of Happiness
10:10 Graveyard High
10:35 Ramona
11:00 The Lodge
11:30 Oliver Twist
11:50 - an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale. With George C. Scott and Tim Curry.
13:15 In the Heat of the Night
14:00 Somewhere - videodance performed by the Kibbutz Dance Company
14:45 Ten-Fingered Conversation

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MIDDLE EAST TV

00:00 News
00:05 Monty Python's The Meaning of Life - cont'd.

10:30 Changed Lives
11:30 House of Power
12:30 Control Message
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This Is Your Day
14:30 John Osteen
15:00 In Touch
15:30 Snowy River
16:30 America's Funniest Home Videos
17:20 The A Team
18:10 Hunter
19:00 Lou Grant
20:00 Remington Steele
21:00 Hill Street Blues
22:00 Beach Patrol
23:00 Land's End
00:00 News Connection

16:15 Weekly Column
18:15 Good News
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 The Climb
20:00 News - dance
20:30 News
21:00 Circus Festival
21:30 Baldi
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